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1 Maury County Schools recognizes the effect which student dress and grooming has upon student behavior  
2 and commitment to learning. We further recognize the role of parents in assisting their children in making  
3 appropriate choices regarding clothing, accessories, and personal appearance. In order to maintain an  
4 atmosphere conducive to learning and to prepare students for working environments, Maury County Schools  
5 requires that all students, grades K-12, exercise good taste with regard to their personal appearance. Attire  
6 considered disruptive or risky to health or safety is not appropriate.  
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8 With this in mind, the following rules concerning dress and grooming are mandatory to students in  
9 elementary, middle and high school grades, beginning with the 2008-2009 school year.  
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11 **Definition of Standard School Attire Includes the Following:**

12 **Acceptable Attire in Maury County Schools**

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- 16 A) Pants, shorts, capri pants, skirts, skorts, jeans, or jumpers in the colors of navy blue, black or any
- 17 shade of khaki
- 18 B) Shirts with short or long sleeves and a collar (polo, dress-style with buttons, or turtleneck), in
- 19 the solid colors of white or navy blue.
- 20 C) All shirts should be properly buttoned and tucked inside pants, shorts, skorts or skirts.
- 21 D) Individual schools may designate up to four additional solid colors for acceptable styles of
- 22 shirts.
- 23 E) No clothing shall be modified.
- 24 F) School Sponsored shirts may be worn.

25 **General Requirements**

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- 30 1. The Standard School Attire policy will be in effect during the school year, intersession
- 31 and summer program.
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- 33 2. Students will wear clothing of appropriate size. Appropriate sizes are defined as no more than one
- 34 size smaller or one size larger than the student's actual clothing size. Pants, shorts, capri pants,
- 35 skorts, jeans, or skirts must fit at the waist and must not sag or bag.
- 36 (Sagging is defined as bottom wear being worn below the waistline.)
- 37 (Bagging is defined as bottom wear being worn not size appropriate.)
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- 40 3. The district will not require specific brands of clothing. No writing is allowed on clothing except
- 41 logos or manufacturer trademarks which may be no larger than two inches. Authorized school logos
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4. All clothing must be hemmed. No drawstrings, cut-offs, or rolled-up cuffs are allowed on pants, capri pants, shorts or skirts.
5. Appropriate clothing must cover the student from the shoulders to three inches above the knee.

**Bottom Wear**

1. Full-length pants, cropped pants, and straight-legged capri pants are permitted. Pants, capri pants, and shorts must be dress style or casual-dress style (e.g., Dockers®). Jeans and/or pants must be straight-leg or boot-cut.
2. Pants, shorts, skirts and skorts with elastic waistbands must be worn at the waist and do not require a belt. All other pants, shorts, skirts and skorts must be worn at the waist, and those with belt loops must be worn with a belt.
3. Shorts, jumpers, dresses, skirts or skorts must be no shorter than 3” above the top of the knee.

**Top Wear**

1. Dresses or shirts with short or long sleeves and a collar (polo, dress-style or turtleneck) in the district- or school-approved solid colors are acceptable.
2. All blouses and shirts should be properly buttoned and tucked inside pants or skirts. Chests and midriffs must be covered.
3. T-shirts with or without sleeves may be worn as undergarments. They must be solid white, navy blue or one of the additional solid colors approved by the school and may not display any writing, pictures or images.

**Foot Wear**

1. Standard Footwear (shoes, boots, athletic shoes, and sandals with or without a thong between the toes) may be worn.
2. House shoes or skate shoes will not be allowed.
3. Laces on shoes or sneakers must be tied.

**Additional Clothing**

A single blazer, suit jacket, vest, sweater, crewneck sweatshirt (with no pockets), cardigan, windbreaker or light jackets are permitted as garments that may be worn over the Standard Attire top. These garments must be sized according to the General Requirements section of this policy and must not extend below the hips. The garments must also be in one of the district- or school-approved solid colors and must be worn over a shirt with a collar.

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**Special Situations:**

1. Schools may develop and promote special dress for students at the discretion of the school administration (i.e. Homecoming, School Spirit, etc.)
2. If a student cannot comply with the standardized dress code based on religious beliefs or medical reasons his or her parent or guardian may write a letter explaining the situation to the school principal with a copy to the Director of Schools. Approval or denial will be determined on an individual case-by-case basis.
3. Principals will have the authority to approve occasional variations from Standard School Attire for particular groups of students. For example, athletic team members or cheerleaders may wear their sleeveless tops layered over an approved school shirt. Members of school clubs or students involved in a school sponsored activity may wear school-sponsored apparel on days designated by the principal. Such attire will be tucked in at the waist whenever practical as determined by the principal. Standard attire pants, shorts, shirts, capri pants or skorts must be worn at all times.
4. School standard attire will be the minimum policy for students in Career and Technical Education Classes. Career and Technical Teachers may extend the policy to include apparel and footwear required by safety rules of each shop or lab.

**Standard School Attire Prohibitions**

1. “Cargo” shorts or pants, or hooded garments are not permissible. This restriction does not apply to after-school activities such as athletic events.
2. Blouses or shirts without buttons along the front opening are not acceptable as the primary Standard Attire shirt.
3. No bare midriffs are allowed, and tops will not reveal cleavage.
4. Ripped, cut, or torn clothing is prohibited. In addition, no see-through or clothing with holes may be worn.
5. Coats may be worn entering or exiting of the building. Coats shall not be worn in the classroom during the day. The administration will announce exceptions to the guidelines if facilities indicate the need.
6. Logos or manufacturers’ trademarks with writing or images of substances that are illegal for teens (i.e., drugs, alcohol, or tobacco products) or are otherwise offensive, lewd, indecent, vulgar, obscene, profane, gang-related or constitute racial or ethnic slurs may not be worn.
7. Writings, symbols, or logos may not be vulgar, obscene, or disruptive to the school environment or derogatory to any individual or group. (including but not limited to scrolling belt buckles).
8. Chains, spiked accessories and belt buckles with concealed weapons are not permissible. Belts may not hang down as a “tail” from the belt loop.

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9. Any type of clothing or personal item bearing reference to alcoholic beverages, tobacco products, drugs, drug-related slogans, and/or any other wording, drawing, pictures, logos, etc., which in any way can be interpreted as being suggestive, obscene, or offensive, such as references to death, the occult, Satanism, etc., is not allowed.
10. "Gang" related slogans, names, apparel, etc., are not allowed.
11. Tattoos shall be covered.
12. All students are required to wear their hair in such a manner that is not considered unkempt, unclean, or impairing vision. Hair sprayed or dyes in unnatural colors (such as blue, pink, green, yellow, etc...) spiked hair or Mohawk will not be allowed.
13. Hats, bandanas, hoods worn on head, sweatbands, curlers, rollers, gloves or sunglasses will not be allowed except for medical reasons.
14. Jewelry ornaments or accessories which distract from the educational process or which present a safety concern will not be allowed. Body-piercing jewelry or accessories are not allowed except to the ears.
15. Extreme facial makeup that is disruptive to the educational environment will not be allowed.

**Standard School Attire Provisions**

1. Students participating in the JROTC program of their school may wear their JROTC uniform on days designated by the school.
2. Approved head coverings worn as a part of a student's bona fide religious practices or beliefs shall not be prohibited under this policy.

STUDENTS DRESSED INAPPROPRIATELY WILL BE SUBJECT TO DISCIPLINARY CONSEQUENCES AS PER BOARD POLICY 6.300.

**Additional Solid Colors by School For Acceptable Styles of Shirts**

Baker Elementary School	Royal Blue, Light Blue, Light Pink, Yellow, White, Navy
Brown Elementary School	Red, Royal Blue, Kelly Green, Purple, White, Navy
Central High School	Purple, Gold, Athletic Gray, Black, White, Navy
Cox Middle School	Red, Black, Light Gray, White, Navy
Culleoka Unit School	Black, Light Gray, Light Blue, White, Navy
Hampshire Unit School	Black, Red, UT Orange, White, Navy
Highland Park Elementary School	Royal Blue, Red, Kelly Green, Purple, White, Navy
Howell Elementary School	Royal Blue, Light Blue, Yellow, Gold, White, Navy
McDowell Elementary School	Kelly Green, Pink, Purple, Royal Blue, White, Navy
Mt. Pleasant Elementary School	Red, Royal Blue, Pink, White, Navy
Mt. Pleasant High School	Red, Royal Blue, Gray, Black, White, Navy
Mt. Pleasant Middle School	Red, Royal Blue, Pink, Black, White, Navy
Riverside Elementary School	Red, Kelly Green, Royal Blue, Pink, White, Navy

Santa Fe Unit School	Black, Yellow, Light Pink, Light Blue, White, Navy
Spring Hill Elementary School	Maroon, Red, Light Blue, Yellow, White, Navy
Spring Hill High School	Maroon, Black, Heather Gray, Khaki Tan, White, Navy
Spring Hill Middle School	Maroon, Gold, Black, Khaki, White, Navy
Whitthorne Middle School	Purple, Gold, Yellow, Black, White, Navy
Woodard Elementary School	Red, Royal Blue, Purple, Light Blue
Wright Elementary School	Royal Blue, Light Tan, Red, Shamrock Green, White, Navy

See Questions Regarding Dress Code Below

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Legal Reference:

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## Questions Regarding Dress Code

Revised 7/19/11

1. Can students wear carpenter jeans with the loop on the side? Yes, with or without pockets.
2. Any color jeans? Denim blue, black, any shade of khaki, and use common sense on faded jeans.
3. Any kind of belt? Any color – Belts considered disruptive or risky to health or safety are not appropriate.
4. Can monogram initials be on polo shirts? No
5. Can monogram of school logo be on polo shirts? Yes, but no larger than 2”.
6. Can monogram of school name be on polo shirts? Yes, but no larger than 2”.
7. Do students have to wear polo shirt under jumpers? Yes, if the jumper is sleeveless.
8. Can students wear “Dickie” shorts with the small pocket on the side? Yes
9. Do CDC students have to follow dress code? Yes, Maury County Schools requires that all students, grades K-12, exercise good taste with regard to their personal appearance.
10. Is the stitching on the pockets (front & back) of the jeans ok or do they have to be plain? Yes, standard stitching is allowed.
11. Is it ok if the “Levi” patch is on the jean pocket? Yes
12. Do sleeves on polo shirts have to be a certain length? No, as per board policy the student must be covered from the shoulder to three inches above the knee. No Cap sleeves are allowed. Short or long sleeve shirts may be worn.
13. Do the polo shirts have to be buttoned up all the way? All buttons must be buttoned except the top.
14. How can teachers tell the difference between shades of colors? Example: Heather gray from athletic gray. Use the common sense approach, do not embarrass the child.
15. Can the collar on the polo be a different color from the shirt? No, all shirts must be a solid color.
16. Can shirts have pockets on them? Yes

17. Can shirts have pockets on the sleeves? No
18. Can students wear a scarf as a belt? Yes; however, bandanas are not acceptable. Belts considered disruptive or risky to health or safety are not appropriate.
19. Is it ok for the athletes to wear a dress shirt and neck tie when going away to a game? Yes
20. Are skinny pants acceptable? Yes
21. Can students wear a neck tie with a polo shirt? No; however, you may wear a necktie with an approved dress shirt.
22. Are leggings under skirts, skorts, etc. allowed? Yes  
Must leggings be in school colors? No
23. Can a crew neck sweatshirt have pockets on front? No
24. Can stitching on back pockets of jeans form designs such as butterflies, trucks, etc.? Yes
25. When students are not in their home school must they remain in dress code? (*Example: Middle school students going to elementary schools to meet parents*) Must be in dress code on school property
26. Can students wear hip huggers? No
27. Do the students have to follow dress code to activities such as PTA, etc? No
28. Can the students wear a dress over jeans? No
29. Can the students wear faded jeans? Yes they can because there is nothing in the policy that prohibits them from wearing faded jeans.
30. Are three buttons the requirement for polo shirts? No, but appropriate clothing must cover the student from the shoulders to three inches above knee.
31. Can the students wear a long sleeve shirt under their polo shirt? Yes, only if it is in the school approved color.
32. Can the students have their name monogrammed on their polo shirts? No, as board policy no writing is allowed on clothing except logos or manufacturer trademarks.
33. Are hooded jackets/coats in more than one color allowed? No, per board policy #6.310, page 2- Additional clothing, page 3 - Standard School Attire Prohibitions - #1 and #5.
34. Are zippers allowed on standard school shirts? No, per board policy #6.310, page 2 – Top Wear - #2, & Standard School Attire Prohibitions - #2.

35. Can students wear a scarf around their neck at school? No, per board policy #6.310, Standard School Attire Prohibitions - #13.
36. Can students wear cover-alls? No, per board policy #6.310.  
Overalls are not considered standard school attire for dress code.
37. Can students wear a polo shirt over another polo shirt in school approved colors? No
38. Can students wear a dress shirt un-tucked over a polo shirt? No, per board policy #6.310, Top Wear - #2.
- 39. Can students wear feathers in their hair? No, per board policy #6.310.**